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WASHINGTON, D.C.—Austin P. Skinner, 45, of 12 Brook Drive, Fairhaven, Mass., has accepted an appointment as a Federal mediator with the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. Following completion of a 10-day orientation course in Washington, he will be assigned to the FMCS regional office in New York.

Prior to accepting his appointment, Skinner served for 13 years as secretary-treasurer of the New Bedford Fisherman's Union.

In New York, he will be given on-the-job field training before being assigned to a permanent post in the northern New Jersey, New York, and New England states region.

FMCS is an independent Federal agency created by Congress to promote labor-management peace, primarily by making qualified mediators available to assist in labor-management negotiations. Mediators have no power to enforce a settlement, but frequently play an important role by helping the two sides resolve differences, and thus avoid or end a strike.

Mediators are chosen for their demonstrated ability in labor-management relations and travel widely in their assignments.

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